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Sir:

This paper is filed prior to receipt of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Entry of the following amendments prior to substantive examination is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 15 through 25, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience is a **currently pending claim set**.